

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 240, Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, as amended.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1187–S1206.*

**Measures Introduced:** Ten bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 607–616, and S. Res. 92. **Pages S1201–02**

#### Measures Passed:

**Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act:** By 68 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. 62), Senate passed H.R. 240, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, after taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto: **Pages S1188–1192**

#### Adopted:

By 66 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. 61), McConnell (for Cochran) Amendment No. 255, of a perfecting nature. **Pages S1191–92**

#### Withdrawn:

McConnell Amendment No. 256 (to Amendment No. 255), to change the enactment date. **Page S1191**

McConnell Amendment No. 257 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 255), to change the enactment date. **Page S1191**

McConnell Amendment No. 258 (to Amendment No. 257), of a perfecting nature. (By 34 yeas to 65 nays (Vote No. 60), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.) **Page S1191**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 68 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. 59), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the bill. **Pages S1190**

McConnell motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 259, to change the enactment date, fell when cloture was invoked on the bill. **Page S1190**

McConnell Amendment No. 260 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 259), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 259 fell. **Page S1190**

McConnell Amendment No. 261 (to Amendment No. 260), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell Amendment No. 260 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 259) fell. **Page S1190**

**Protecting Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Responders Act:** Senate passed H.R. 33, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S1206**

McConnell Amendment No. 268, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1206**

**Rare Disease Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 92, designating February 28, 2015, as “Rare Disease Day”. **Page S1206**

#### Measures Considered:

**Immigration Rule of Law Act:** By 57 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 63), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 534, to prohibit funds from being used to carry out certain Executive actions related to immigration. **Page S1192**

Subsequently, Senator McConnell entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S1192**

#### House Messages:

**Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act:** Senate began consideration of the House-

Message to accompany H.R. 240, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, taking action on the following motion proposed thereto:

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Pending:

McConnell Motion to insist upon the Senate amendment, agree to the request by the House of Representatives for a conference, and authorize the Presiding Officer to appoint conferees. Page S1206

#### Appointments:

*Senate National Security Working Group:* The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 64, adopted March 5, 2013, hereby notifies the Senate of an amendment to the Minority membership appointments made in the Senate on February 12, 2015, to the Senate National Security Working Group for the 114th Congress: Senator Reed. Page S1206

**Signing Authority—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that during this adjournment of the Senate, the Majority Leader, and the junior Senator from West Virginia be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions. Page S1206

Messages from the House:

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: Pages S1202–04

Additional Statements: Page S1199

Amendments Submitted: Pages S1204–05

Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—63) Pages S1190–92

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:23 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, March 2, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1206.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported 881 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 114th Congress.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 41 public bills, H.R. 1147–1187, were introduced.

Pages H1498–H1500

**Additional Cosponsors:** Pages H1501–02

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a recorded vote of 226 ayes to 186 noes with one answering "present", Roll No. 103.

Pages H1375, H1484–85

**Director of the Congressional Budget Office—Appointment:** The Chair announced the joint appointment by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate of Dr. Homer Keith Hall as Director of the Congressional Budget Office for the term expiring January 3, 2019. Page H1375

**Recess:** The House recessed at 9:19 a.m. and reconvened at 9:25 a.m. Page H1377

**Making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2015:** The House failed to pass H.J. Res. 35, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2015, by a yea-and-nay vote of 203 yeas to 224 nays, Roll No. 104. Pages H1492–94

A point of order was sustained against the Roybal-Allard motion to recommit with instructions to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment. Pages H1492–94

H. Res. 129, the rule providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 35) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 102, after the previous question was ordered. Pages H1377–H1484

**Student Success Act:** The House resumed consideration of H.R. 5, to support State and local accountability for public education, protect State and local authority, and inform parents of the performance of their children's schools. Further proceedings were postponed. Pages H1393–H1483

**Proceedings Postponed:**

Thompson (MS) amendment (No. 43 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29) that seeks to require that The Student Success Act shall not go into effect until the Secretary of Education determines that its enactment will not reduce the college and career readiness of racial or ethnic minority students, students with disabilities, English learners, and low-income students and provides written notification to Congress on such determination; and **Pages H1393–94**

Scott (VA) amendment (No. 44 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29) that seeks to repeal H.R. 5 and replace the bill text with a substitute amendment that provides robust funding levels, replaces the mandates of No Child Left Behind, and maintains civil rights and equity protections that ensure all students graduate from high school college- and career-ready. **Pages H1394–H1483**

H. Res. 125, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5) was agreed to on February 26th.

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:51 p.m. and reconvened at 2:16 p.m. **Page H1483**

**Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2015:** The House disagreed to the Senate amendment and requested a conference on H.R. 240, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, by a yea-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 102. **Pages H1483–84**

Failed to agree to the Roybal-Allard motion to instruct conferees by a yea-and-nay vote of 201 yeas to 218 nays, Roll No. 105. **Pages H1494–95**

**Investigative Subcommittees of the Committee on Ethics—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to be available to serve on investigative subcommittees of the Committee on Ethics for the 114th Congress: Representatives Blackburn, Collins (GA), Comstock, Forbes, Hultgren, Katko, Latta, Olson, Ratcliffe, and Roby. **Page H1495**

**Investigative Subcommittees of the Committee on Ethics—Minority Leader Appointment:** The Chair announced the Minority Leaders appointment of the following Members of the House to be available to serve on investigative subcommittees of the Committee on Ethics for the 114th Congress: Representatives Carney, Connolly, Hahn, Higgins, Jeffries, Keating, Perlmutter, Sewell (AL), Speier, and Titus. **Page H1495**

**Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress—Reappointment:** The Chair announced the Minority Leader's reappointment of the following individual on the part of the House to the Advisory

Committee on the Records of Congress: Mr. John A. Lawrence of Washington, DC. **Page H1495**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 5:27 p.m. and reconvened at 9:30 p.m. **Page H1495**

**Suspension:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

*Protecting Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Responders Act:* Concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 33, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, by a 2/3 recorded vote of 357 yeas to 60 noes, Roll No. 106. **Pages H1495–97**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Monday, March 2nd for Morning Hour debate. **Page H1497**

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today and messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H1375, H1393, H1483, and H1495.

**Senate Referral:** S. 527 was held at the desk.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Five yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1385–86, H1386, H1484, H1484–85, H1493–94, H1494–95, and H1496–97. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 10:04 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### APPROPRIATIONS—UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on United States Air Force budget. Testimony was heard from Deborah Lee James, Secretary, United States Air Force; and General Mark A. Welsh III, Chief of Staff, United States Air Force.

### APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, UNDER SECRETARY FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE ENVIRONMENT, NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on

Department of Agriculture, Under Secretary for Natural Resources and the Environment, Natural Resources Conservation Service budget. Testimony was heard from Jason Weller, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture; and Michael Young, Budget Officer, Department of Agriculture.

#### APPROPRIATIONS—BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND BUREAU OF INDIAN EDUCATION; BUREAU OF INDIAN EDUCATION OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Bureau of Indian Affairs and Bureau of Indian Education budgets and a hearing on Bureau of Indian Education oversight. Testimony was heard from the following Department of the Interior officials: Kevin Washburn, Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs; Charles “Monty” Roessel, Director, Bureau of Indian Education; and Michael Black, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs; and Melissa Emrey-Arras, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office.

#### THE NEEDS OF DRINKING WATER SYSTEMS IN RURAL AND SMALLER COMMUNITIES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy held a hearing entitled “The Needs of Drinking Water Systems in Rural and Smaller Communities”. Testimony was heard from J. Alfredo Gomez, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

#### MISCELLENEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 400, the “Trafficking Prevention in Foreign Affairs Contracting Act”; H.R. 757, the “North Korea Sanctions Enforcement Act of 2015”; and H. Res. 53, condemning the cowardly attack on innocent men, women, and children in the northeastern Nigerian town of Baga. The following bill was ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 400. The following legislation was ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 757 and H. Res. 53.

#### THE STATE OF CLASS ACTIONS TEN YEARS AFTER THE ENACTMENT OF THE CLASS ACTION FAIRNESS ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice held a hearing entitled “The State of Class Actions Ten Years After the Enactment of the Class Action Fairness Act”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### ENSURING GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY THROUGH FOIA REFORM

*Committee on Oversight And Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing entitled “Ensuring Government Transparency Through FOIA Reform”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### THE COMMERCIAL CREW PROGRAM: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Space held a hearing entitled “The Commercial Crew Program: Challenges and Opportunities”. Testimony was heard from Bill Gerstenmaier, Associate Administrator, Human Exploration and Operations Mission Directorate, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Vice Admiral Joseph Dyer, USN (Ret.), Chairman, Aerospace Safety Advisory Panel, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and public witnesses.

### *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2015

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

##### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

##### House

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing on Consumer Product Safety Commission budget, 3 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law, hearing on H.R. 348, the “Responsibly and Professionally Invigorating Development Act of 2015”; H.R. 712, the “Sunshine for Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act of 2015”; and H.R. 1155, the “Searching for and Cutting Regulations that are Unnecessarily Burdensome Act of 2015”, 4 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules,* Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 749, the “Passenger Rail Reform and Investment Act of 2015”, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence,* Full Committee, hearing entitled “Ongoing Intelligence Activities”, 5 p.m., HVC-304. This hearing will be closed.

## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 2 through March 6, 2015

## Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at approximately 2:00 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of the House Message to accompany H.R. 240, Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act. At 5:30 p.m., Senate expects to vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to agree to the House request to go to a conference on the bill.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

## Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Appropriations:* March 4, Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD-124.

March 4, Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Navy and Marine Corps, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

March 4, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

March 5, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

March 5, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Secretary of the Senate, the Senate Sergeant at Arms, and the Capitol Police, 3 p.m., SD-138.

*Committee on Armed Services:* March 3, to hold hearings to examine a review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

March 4, Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine the Active, Guard, Reserve, and civilian personnel programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

March 4, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine United States nuclear weapons policy, programs, and strategy in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program, 3:30 p.m., SR-222.

March 5, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the postures on the Department of the Army and the Department of the Air Force in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* March 3, to hold hearings to examine Federal Reserve accountability and reform, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

*Committee on the Budget:* March 4, to hold hearings to examine wasteful duplication in the Federal government, 10:30 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* March 3, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of Commerce and the Department of Transportation, 9 a.m., SR-253.

March 4, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security, to hold hearings to examine surface transportation reauthorization, focusing on oversight and reform of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* March 5, to hold hearings to examine opportunities for the United States to build on its status as an Arctic nation for the betterment of the nation and those who live in the Arctic, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* March 4, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2016 for the Environmental Protection Agency, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* March 3, to hold hearings to examine fairness in taxation, 9 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* March 3, to receive a closed briefing on an update on the campaign against the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS), 4 p.m., SVC-217.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* March 5, to hold hearings to examine America's health information technology (IT) transformation, focusing on translating the promise of electronic health records into better care, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* March 4, business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, "Inspector General Empowerment Act of 2015", S. 280, to improve the efficiency, management, and inter-agency coordination of the Federal permitting process through reforms overseen by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, H.R. 460, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to train Department of Homeland Security personnel how to effectively deter, detect, disrupt, and prevent human trafficking during the course of their primary roles and responsibilities, H.R. 615, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Under Secretary for Management of the Department of Homeland Security to take administrative action to achieve and maintain interoperable communications capabilities among the components of the Department of Homeland Security, an original bill entitled, "Federal Improper Payments Coordination Act", an original bill entitled, "Presidential Library Donations Act", an original bill entitled, "Federal Vehicle Repair Costs Savings Act", S. 546, to establish the Railroad Emergency Services Preparedness, Operational Needs, and Safety Evaluation (RESPONSE) Subcommittee under the Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Advisory Council to provide recommendations on emergency responder training

and resources relating to hazardous materials incidents involving railroads, S. 242, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide leave to any new Federal employee who is a veteran with a service-connected disability rated at 30 percent or more for purposes of undergoing medical treatment for such disability, S. 86, to amend title 44 of the United States Code, to provide for the suspension of fines under certain circumstances for first-time paperwork violations by small business concerns, and S. 136, to amend chapter 21 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that fathers of certain permanently disabled or deceased veterans shall be included with mothers of such veterans as preference eligibles for treatment in the civil service, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* March 4, to hold hearings to examine S. 438, to provide for the repair, replacement, and maintenance of certain Indian irrigation projects, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on Judiciary:* March 3, Subcommittee on Immigration and the National Interest, to hold an oversight hearing to examine United States citizenship and immigration services, focusing on ensuring agency priorities comply with the law, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

March 4, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine whistleblower retaliation at the Federal Bureau of Investigation, focusing on improving protections and oversight, 10 a.m., SD-226.

March 5, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* March 4, to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

March 5, Full Committee, to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation from the American Veterans, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Military Officers Association of America, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, Vietnam Veterans of America, Blinded Veterans Association, and the National Council on Aging, 10 a.m., 345, Cannon Building.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* March 5, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

### House Committees

*Committee on Agriculture,* March 5, Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry, hearing to review the definition of "waters of the United States" proposed rule and its impact on rural America, 9:15 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee On Appropriations,* March 3, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on United States Africa Command budget, 9 a.m., H-140 Capitol. This hearing will be closed.

March 3, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, hearing on National Institutes of Health budget, 8:30 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

March 3, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing on U.S. Forest Service budget, 1 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 3, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing on Installations, Environment, Energy and BRAC budget, 1 p.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

March 3, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing on Department of Agriculture Marketing and Regulatory Programs budget, 2 p.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

March 3, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, hearing on Department of Commerce budget, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

March 4, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing on Department of Veterans Affairs budget, 9:30 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

March 4, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing on Food and Drug Administration budget, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on Department of Defense budget, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, hearing on Department of Education budget, 10 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, hearing on National Aeronautics and Space Administration budget, 10:30 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

March 4, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, hearing on Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration, Weapons Activities budget, 1 p.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing on Department of Treasury budget, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing on National Park Service budget, 9 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing on Department of Agriculture Research Agencies budget, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on United States Central Command budget, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol. This hearing will be closed.

*Committee on Armed Services,* March 3, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The President's Proposed Authorization for Use of Military Force Against ISIL and U.S. Policy, Strategy, and Posture in the Greater Middle East", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 3, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing entitled "Alignment of Infrastructure Investment and Risk and Defense Strategic Requirements", 3:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 4, Full Committee, hearing entitled "U.S. Policy, Strategy, and Posture in Afghanistan: Post-2014 Transition, Risks, and Lessons Learned", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, hearing entitled "Air Force Projection Forces

Aviation Programs and Capabilities for Fiscal Year 2016”, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing entitled “Cyber Operations: Improving the Military Cyber Security Posture in an Uncertain Threat Environment”, 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing entitled “Update on the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter (JSF) Program and the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Request”, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, March 4, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing on H.J. Res. 29, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to representation case procedures, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, March 3, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled “21st Century Energy Markets: How the Changing Dynamics of World Energy Markets Impact our Economy and Energy Security”, 1:30 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 3, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Understanding the Cyber Threat and Implications for the 21st Century Economy”, 2 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled “The 21st Century Electricity Challenge: Ensuring a Secure, Reliable, and Modern Electricity System”, 10:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “Reauthorization of the Federal Communications Commission: The FCC’s FY 2016 Budget Request”, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Examining the 340B Drug Pricing Program”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Consumer Product Safety Commission and the FY 2016 Performance Budget Request”, 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, March 3, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Semi-Annual Report of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection”, 2:30 p.m., HVC-210.

March 5, Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled “Oversight of the SEC’s Division of Enforcement”, 9 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, March 4, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Ukraine Under Siege”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 4, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing entitled “The Trans-Pacific Partnership: Prospects for Greater U.S. Trade”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, hearing entitled “Iran’s Noncompliance with its International Atomic Energy Agency Obligations”, 9:15 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, March 4, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security

Technologies, hearing entitled “Industry Perspectives on the President’s Cybersecurity Information Sharing Proposal”, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, March 3, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1147, the “Legal Workforce Act”; H.R. 1149, the “Protection of Children Act of 2015”; H.R. 1153, the “Asylum Reform and Border Protection Act of 2015”; and H.R. 1148, the “Michael Davis, Jr. in Honor of State and Local Law Enforcement Act”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 4, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1147, the “Legal Workforce Act”; H.R. 1149, the “Protection of Children Act of 2015”; H.R. 1153, the “Asylum Reform and Border Protection Act of 2015”; and H.R. 1148, the “Michael Davis, Jr. in Honor of State and Local Law Enforcement Act” (continued), 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations, hearing on H.R. 707, the “Restoration of America’s Wire Act”, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, March 5, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining the Department of the Interior’s Spending Priorities and the President’s Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Proposal”, 9 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, March 3, Subcommittee on Health Care, Benefits and Administrative Rules; and Subcommittee on Government Operations, joint hearing entitled “Challenges Facing OIRA in Ensuring Transparency and Effective Rulemaking”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 4, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Rebuilding the Chemical Safety Board: Finding a Solution to the CSB’s Governance and Management Challenges”, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Information Technology, hearing entitled “Cybersecurity: The Evolving Nature of Cyber Threats Facing the Private Sector”, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules*, March 3, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 1029, the “EPA Science Advisory Board Reform Act of 2015”; and H.R. 1030, the “Secret Science Reform Act of 2015”, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, March 4, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1119, the “Research and Development Efficiency Act”; the “International Science and Technology Cooperation Act of 2015”; the “Science Prize Competitions Act”; the “Department of Energy Laboratory Modernization and Technology Transfer Act of 2015”; and H.R. 874, the “American Super Computing Leadership Act”, 9 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, March 4, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Building an Opportunity Economy: The State of Small Business and Entrepreneurship”, 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

March 5, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax and Capital Access, hearing entitled “Improving Capital Access Programs with the SBA”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, March 3, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing entitled “Federal

Aviation Administration Reauthorization: Enabling a 21st Century Aviation System”, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, March 5, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Growing Cyber Threat and Its Impact on American Business”, 9 a.m., HVC-210.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Economic Committee*: March 4, to hold hearings to examine the Economic Report of the President 2015, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

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*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

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**Program for Monday:** Senate will resume consideration of the House Message to accompany H.R. 240, Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act. At 5:30 p.m., Senate expects to vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to agree to the House request to go to a conference on the bill.

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